

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Hydraulic~~ A hydraulic controller arrangement for the pressure medium supply of a hydraulic consumer whereby a load having a high mass may be moved, ~~comprising the hydraulic controller arrangement comprising:~~

_____ a pump which may be controlled in dependence on the~~dependent upon a~~ load pressure at the ~~consumer and whereby~~consumer;

_____ a proportionally adjustable directional control valve, wherein the pressure medium may be conducted via a~~the~~ proportionally adjustable directional control valve to the consumer and from the latter consumer to a tank passage via a drain cross-section controlled~~open to be opened by a drain control edge of the directional control valve to a tank passage, characterized in that in the~~valve;

_____ a pressure limiting valve disposed in a pressure medium flow path between the consumer and the tank passage~~a drain backup valve is arranged, passage, the pressure limiting valve being subjected in its opening direction to pressure in a pressure medium return, whereby it is possible to open a drain branch line leading to the tank passage substantially prior to opening of the drain cross-section.~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Hydraulic~~ The hydraulic controller arrangement ~~in accordance with~~of claim 1, wherein shut-off means for blocking the drain branch line during a predetermined stroke of a regulator of the directional control valve are provided in the drain branch line upstream or downstream from the ~~drain backup~~ pressure limiting valve.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The control~~ hydraulic controller arrangement ~~in accordance with~~of claim 2, wherein the shut-off means are formed by a control edge of the regulator.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The control arrangement in accordance with~~The hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 1, wherein the ~~drain backup pressure limiting~~ valve and the drain branch line are integrated into a regulator of the directional control valve.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The control~~hydraulic controller arrangement in ~~accordance with~~of claim 3, wherein the control edge is formed by a control groove into which a radial bore of the drain branch line merges.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The control arrangement in accordance with~~hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 2, wherein the ~~drain backup valve is a~~ pressure limiting valve ~~comprising~~comprises a valve body that is biased against a valve seat.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The control arrangement in accordance with~~hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 4, wherein the ~~drain backup pressure limiting~~ valve is arranged in a sleeve inserted into the regulator, at the outer periphery of which a load reporting passage extends which is formed in portions thereof by a longitudinal groove.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The control arrangement in accordance with~~hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 4, wherein the ~~drain backup pressure limiting~~ valve is arranged in a portion of the drain branch line extending in parallel with a load reporting passage, with the portion of the drain branch line and/or the load reporting passage extending at a parallel spacing from the regulator axis.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The control arrangement in accordance with~~hydraulic controller arrangement of claim 1, wherein the directional control valve has two work ports A, B, and to each work port one ~~drain backup pressure limiting~~ valve is associated.